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SUBJECT: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STATEMENT IN UNSC ON UN FORCE  
IN LEBANON

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM  
MADE IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING ADOPTION  
MARCH 19 OF RESOLUTION APPROVING HIS REPORT ON ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (UNIFIL).

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT, NOW THAT THE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED MY REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 (1978), I SHALL PROCEED TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE PLAN OF OPERATION OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 9 OF THAT DOCUMENT. I SHALL INSTRUCT LT. GENERAL SIILASVUO, CHIEF CO-ORDINATOR OF UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING MISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IMMEDIATELY TO INITIATE MEETINGS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED NATIONS AREA OF OPERATION.

AS I HAVE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THIS MORNING, FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 425 ON SOUTHERN LEBANON, I HAVE INSTRUCTED MAJOR-GENERAL ERSKINE, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO, TO DEPLOY UNTSO OBSERVERS WITH A VIEW OF CONFIRMING THE CESSATION OF MILITARY ACTION IN THE AREA.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN IMMEDIATE PRESENCE OF THE NEW FORCE IN THE AREA, I HAVE INSTRUCTED LT. GENERAL SIILASVUO TO CO-ORDINATE WITH THE COMMANDERS OF UNDOF AND UNEF THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF REINFORCED COMPANIES FROM THE AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT IN UNDOF AND THE SWEDISH CONTINGENT IN UNEF TO SERVE, TEMPORARILY, AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVANCE GUARD OF UNIFIL. I HAVE CONTACTED THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WITH A VIEW TO HAVING THEIR AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY TRANSFER.

I HAVE TODAY MADE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ASCERTAINING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE CONTINGENTS FOR THE NEW FORCE. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CONSULT WITH THE COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

AS WE ARE ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN THIS NEW OPERATION, I FEEL OBLIGED TO POINT OUT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE EXTREME COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY OF THE TASK CONFRONTING THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. IT WILL HAVE TO ENSURE THE PEACEFUL CHARACTER OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS AND TO THAT END CONTROL MOVEMENT INTO AND OUT OF THE ZONE. IT WILL HAVE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE ARMY AND POLICE, IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORING LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY.

A NUMBER OF BASIC PREREQUISITES HAVE NOT YET BEEN CLARIFIED. THESE INCLUDE THE MODALITIES OF THE WITH-

DRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON. I SHALL DO MY BEST TO CLARIFY THESE AND OTHER MATTERS BOTH HERE AT HEADQUARTERS AND THROUGH THE CONTACTS WHICH I HAVE INSTRUCTED GENERAL SIILASVUO TO INITIATE IN THE AREA.

THE NATURE OF UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS, AS ORDERED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, REQUIRES THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED FOR THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL ONCE AGAIN FOR SUCH CO-OPERATION. THE OPERATIONS ALSO REQUIRE THE FULL AND CONSTANT SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL ITSELF. THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THE OPERATION ON WHICH WE HAVE JUST EMBARKED. I SHALL, OF COURSE, KEEP THE COUNCIL FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO THE FORCE AND SHALL NOT

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HESITATE TO SEEK ITS SUPPORT WHENEVER NECESSARY.

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